



## ***CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA***

### **CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS**

**Workshop Meeting of Tuesday, August 8, 2006 - 7:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

#### **AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

All present except Councilman Youngs.  
Vice Mayor Garcia arrived at 7:47 p.m.

**2. Invocation:** Councilman Dotson  
**Salute to the Flag:** The audience participated.

**3. Budget Alternatives – Councilman Dotson**

Councilman Dotson presented his ideas and a list of items for reducing the budget.

**4. Workshop on Proposed Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Budget:**

**I. Opening Remarks by City Manager James R. Borgmann**

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Administration would review the issues pointed out by Councilman Dotson and come back with a response.

The City Manager said that the 7.7153 millage rate approved by Council was a target that basically kept the same amount that a homeowner paid last year.

Finance Director William Alonso responded to comments made by Councilman Dotson at the July 27, 2006 Special Meeting.

**II. City Council**

Finance Director William Alonso stated the budget is 21.6% higher due to increases in the Travel & Per Diem and Machinery and Equipment accounts.

City Clerk Magalí Valls added that the Travel & Per Diem is based on travel expenses for all five Council members.

### **III. City Clerk**

The Finance Director said the budget reflects a 25.7% increase due to an increase of \$30,000 in Other Contractual Services for expenses related to elections. The remaining increases are related to pension, cost of living, health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance.

Councilman Dotson asked for clarification of the Overtime Expenses.

### **IV. City Manager**

The Finance Director stated that the City Manager's budget reflects a 5.6% increase due to personnel costs.

Council discussed merit and cost of living (COLA) increases.

The COLA increases will be scheduled as an agenda item for the next Workshop Meeting.

### **V. Non-departmental**

Finance Director William Alonso stated that Electricity should be \$36,850 instead of \$46,850. He said this budget includes \$500,000 for contingency for hurricanes, \$100,000 for a grant writer/lobbyist/public information officer and \$100,000 for the construction of a parking lot on Curtiss Parkway.

After discussion Council requested that an agenda item be scheduled to receive a status report on the Interlocal Agreement with Virginia Gardens.

### **VI. Human Resources**

Finance Director Alonso reported that this budget shows a reduction of \$1,000 mainly due to a reduction in training and professional services.

Councilman Dotson requested that the amount budgeted for Pension be verified and he also requested additional information the \$29,000 budgeted for Professional Services.

### **VII. Finance**

Mr. Alonso said that the budget reports a 3.6% decrease due to staff reductions, but the budget includes increases for pension, cost of living, health insurance, workers compensation and liability

insurance.

## **VIII. City Attorney**

Finance Director William Alonso said that the City Attorney's budget is projected at \$109,000.00.

## **IX. Planning**

According to the Finance Director, this budget reflects as 14% increase because of the professional services required to work on the 36<sup>th</sup> Street district boundary regulations.

Mayor Bain asked the Administration to revise the expense detail for the \$75,000 budgeted for Professional Services to show the cost related to amending the Comprehensive Plan.

## **X. Building and Zoning**

Finance Director Alonso stated this department is requesting an increase of 9% in their budget, with 81% of the increase coming from salaries and of that amount 58% is for the addition of a clerical assistance and associated payroll expenses.

Assistant City Manager Ronald K. Gorland reported the actions he took to improve the efficiency of the department. A Code Compliance Officer is acting as Office Manager.

The City Manager said that for the first time, expenses are going to exceed the permit fees collected.

## **XI. Police**

Finance Director William Alonso said that the budget request is approximately \$478,841 or 10.4% higher than last year mainly due to the COLA increase.

Council discussed overtime, special pay, and merit increases.

## **XII. Law Enforcement Trust Fund**

The Finance Director said this fund is composed of two budgets, the first one being for \$56,000 and the Community Policing budget totals \$81,281, with all expenses being paid from forfeiture funds.

## **XIII. Information Technology**

Finance Director Alonso stated that this department's budget decreased 28% due to the payoff of the computer equipment lease.

Mr. Alonso said that the budget includes \$18,200 for document imaging previously approved by Council and the addition of a part-time position.

#### **XIV. Golf Course**

Finance Director Alonso said that the highlight of this budget is that it reflects a surplus of \$23,000. The budget is \$125,712 or 8.3% less than the previous fiscal year budget.

Mayor Bain requested additional information showing a breakdown of insurance expenses.

#### **4. Adjourn.**

Adjourned at 10:55 p.m.